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REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 1-5, 8 and 10-12 and 23-42 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claim 10 has been amended to specify a "fluid source" rather than a "fluid reservoir" and to specify that the system includes lines configured to connect the manometer and the nozzle to a fluid source individually or to a supply exit line from the fluid source. Claim 1 has also been amended to replace manometer with pressure gauge. Support for these amendments may be found in the specification and the originally pending claims, e.g., paragraph [0018], paragraph [0028], original claim 1 and Fig. 1.

Claims 1-5, 8 and 23-42 are indicated as allowable. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of Claims 1-5, 8 and 23-42.

As no new matter has been added by way of this amendment, the Applicants respectfully request the entry thereof.

35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of claims 10-12

Claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Nagoshi (US 4,772,900). The Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 10-12, as amended, are not anticipated by the cited reference.

As describe above, Claim 10, and the claims that depend therefrom, have been amended to specify a fluid source, rather than a fluid reservoir, and to specify that the system includes lines configured to connect the manometer and the nozzle to a fluid source individually or to a supply exit line from the fluid source. The Applicants believe that the amendments to the claims specifically conform the claims to the Examiner's reasons of allowance of claims 1-5, 8 and 23-42, about which the Examiner states that "The...method...wherein a printing system comprising lines configured for individually connecting a printhead and manometer to a fluid source...is not disclosed, suggested, or made obvious by the prior art of record." Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 10-12 now specify the arrangement described by the Examiner as not disclosed, suggested, or made obvious by the prior art of record.

The cited reference does not anticipate Claim 10-12 as amended as the Nagoshi system has its "manometer" and recording head connected in series. In contrast, the claims specify the structural requirements of a "parallel" type system of connection. Claims 10-12 now undeniably require an

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arrangement where each of the manometer and nozzle are individually (separately from one another) connected to the fluid supply or to a common line leading to the fluid supply source. However, Nagoshi does not describe either of these arrangements.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons described above, the Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078, order number 10004452-1.

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